GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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PROFIT/LOSS TO NLC IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of profit/loss earned by Neyveli Lignite Corporation in Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the amount as royalty on lignite mining given to Tamil Nadu during the said period;

(c) whether the Government propose to make regular payment of this royalty to the State in future; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

a) The details of profit after tax earned by Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC) duringthe last three years and the current year are given below :-

Year	Profit After Tax (Rs. in Crores)
1999 - 2000	392.58
2000 - 2001	725.92
2001 - 2002	820.18
(Subject to C&AG audit)	
2002 - 2003	191.80
(April - June 2002)	(Provisional)

b) The amount of royalty on lignite paid by NLC to the Government of Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year is as under: -

Year	Amount (Rs. in Crores)
1999 - 2000	4.35
2000 - 2001	254.55
(includes Rs.250.00 crores advance royalty paid in March, 2001)	

2001 - 2002	97.90
(Adjusted against the advance royalty of Rs.250.00 crores paid in March, 2001)	
2002 - 2003	21.69
(April - June 2002) (Adjusted against the advance royalty of Rs.250.00 crores paid in March, 2001)	

(c) & (d) : Royalty is not payable by the Central Government to the State Government under the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. It is the mineral producing companies which pay royalty on the minerals to the concerned State Government under the provisions of aforesaid Act. The NLC has been paying royalty to the State Government regularly.